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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES  
UNDER PL-480 PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SENATOR HENRY BELLMON  
TO THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE: IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NEW MINISTER OF TRANS-  
PORT AND COMMUNICATIONS HAS RECENTLY TAKEN OFFICE WITHIN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. I UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAT THE  
FORMER DIRECTOR MARTRANS (THE MARITIME TRANSPORT AGENCY)  
HAS RESIGNED, AND THE NEW MINISTER IS INVESTIGATING OR EXA-  
MINING FOR POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES THE CONDUCT AND ADMINIS-  
TRATION OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE OCEAN TRANSPORTATION  
OF COMMODITIES UNDER OUR PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM TO EGYPT.

IN VIEW OF THE SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF THAT PL-480 PROGRAM,  
AND IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFICIENT AND COST EFFEC-  
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TIVE OCEAN SHIPPING TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM,  
I RECOMMEND THAT YOUR OFFICE TAKE A CONTINUING INTEREST  
IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS TO  
THE OUTCOME. UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR RESPONSE TO  
SENATOR BELLMON ARE REQUESTED ON A PRIORITY BASIS. CHRISTOPHER

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